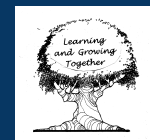


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PETOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates

June 3 - Sports physical clinic @ PHS 5-7:00 pm

June 6 - 8th grade Rafting

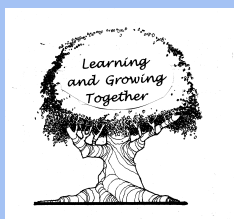
June 7 - Last Day of School, Half Day

June 7 - 8th grade Awards Ceremony, 9:00

June 12 - PMS Self-Guided Tour (10:00 - 2:00)

August 26 - PMS Self-Guided Tour (10:00 - 2:00)

For mental health resources and support, please visit [this site](#). **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT OUR OFFICE IS AWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION SO WE CAN EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE.**



Thank You for Another Great School Year!

On behalf of the staff at Petoskey Middle School, I would like to thank everyone for helping us make this school year such a success. Our students showed tremendous growth academically, socially, athletically, and physically! It was indeed a year of "Learning and Growing Together!"

I would personally like to thank all school personnel for all they have done this year. Teachers, aides, counselors, secretaries, custodians, and kitchen staff regularly go above and beyond their duties. They faced continued staffing shortages and persevered. They provided opportunities for enrichment and remediation for our students. And they stayed positive through all of it.

Students, thank you for coming to school every day. You showed up with a positive attitude and made great educational strides. You definitely proved yourselves to be Determined, Respectful, had Integrity, used your Voice, and showed Empathy to others. You participated both inside and outside the classroom. You grew into better (and bigger!) people. We are proud to see you learn and grow, and we are grateful to be a part of your journey!

Parents, thank you for entrusting us with your children. We know and understand the love you have for your children. We take our roles as educators seriously and are grateful to partner with you. Thank you for working with us to make PMS the best middle school it can be. Thank you for the support you give to your student(s) and our staff throughout the school year.

We hope that you all have a very deserved and restful summer break. We are already working and planning to make 2024-2025 another great school year. We plan to mail student schedules for the 2024-25 school year in mid to late August. We wish you all the very best this summer!



PMS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

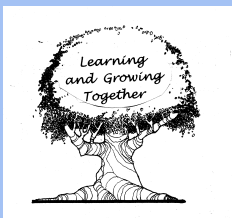
The PMS main office will be open until Thursday, June 20. The office will open back up on Monday, August 12, 2024. Our summer office hours will be 8:00 am - 2:30 pm.

Attendance

If a student is going to be absent or tardy, a parent or guardian must call the attendance line at 348-2293 by 9:00 a.m., or the absence will be considered unexcused until we receive a phone call or note. If your child does not feel well and you are calling to excuse them from school, please include their symptoms in the voicemail so we don't have to call you back. Thank you for your help with this.

If you are excusing your child for a mid-day appointment, please call the office in the morning so we can do our best to have your child ready.

If you are excusing your child for the day and they attend classes at Petoskey High School, please inform the office to also adjust the high school attendance. Thank you!



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations and Farewell!!!

Congratulations to Elsa Martin, Bryan Shaw, Mike Wargel, Anne Kurburski, Alicia Greenough, and Jason Purcell on their retirement! These six educators have dedicated their careers to helping our youth develop into productive and successful citizens. I would like to personally thank them for all of their contributions to Petoskey Middle School and the community of Petoskey. We are lucky to have outstanding educators in our school, and these individuals are leaving some big shoes to fill!

Northmen DRIVE Award Winners

Congratulations to the latest round of Northmen DRIVE award winners! We appreciate our students for showing the DRIVE characteristics that make Petoskey Middle School a great school!



MARSP Mini-Grant

The Emmet County Chapter of MARSP (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel) congratulates Liz Racignol with an honorarium to use for an art project for the students of Petoskey Middle School. The Emmet County Chapter of MARSP is providing for 13 mini grants for area schools to help fund classroom oriented projects that will benefit the students of each local community.

Pictured left to right are Liz Racignol and Dave Snyder.





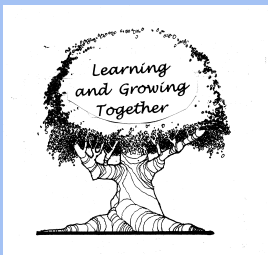
After School Study Lab

Study Lab is done for the remainder of the year.

Medications

If your student has prescription or non-prescription medicine that they take during the school day, a medication form must be completed for each medication and the medicine dropped off by an adult to the school office. A new form must be filled out each school year.

If your student had prescriptions or non-prescription medication kept in the office this school year, please pick them up by Friday, June 14, or we must dispose of them.



NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION

End of Year Report Cards

We will be mailing report cards home this year. Our goal is to get them in the mail on June 13! Final grades will also be available on PowerSchool on this date.

Information about Next Year

If you are wondering what next year will look like for your current 6th or 7th grade student, please [click here](#). This brief explanation explains the overall scheduling practices priorities for Petoskey Middle School.

Student schedules for the 2024-25 school year will be mailed sometime during the week of August 19!

Medication Pickup

If your student had prescriptions or non-prescription medication kept in the office this school year, please pick them up by Friday, June 14, or we must dispose of them.

Summer Academic Learning Camp

Students will receive or have already received invitations to attend our Academic Learning Camp. If you have any questions, please email Dana Pinney at pinney.dg.t@northmen.org.

Scheduled dates and times: (Monday - Thursday) August 12th-15th & August 19th- 22nd

Incoming 6th grade students from 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Incoming 7th & 8th grade students from 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Incoming 9th grade students TBD

Students should be dropped off in the **middle school** main parking lot loop next to the flagpole, and enter through the main front doors. When picking up your child, please wait in our vehicle or in front of the middle school. **The middle school will close at 3:15 each day.**

Child Care Option Available

The Petoskey United Methodist Church is interested in hosting an after school child care program for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. [Please see this flyer for more information.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

6TH GRADE PARENTS - IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR 7TH GRADE

State law requires that ALL students entering 7th grade be up-to-date on their immunizations in order to attend school. If you wish to obtain a waiver, you must get one through the Health Department. Students who are not up-to-date on their immunizations or do not have a waiver will not be allowed to attend school and will be sent home on the first day of the 2024-25 school year. If you have any questions, call the Health Department at 347-6014.

8th Grade End of Year Ceremony

6th and 7th grade students will receive their end-of-year awards in their homerooms at the end of the year. The 8th grade Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held in the middle school auditorium on Friday, June 9 beginning at 9:00 AM.



OK2SAY

We want to remind students and parents of the OK2SAY program. If you or your child feel unsafe or are worried about the safety of someone else, please speak up by contacting OK2SAY. You can report suspicious or harmful activity anonymously by sending a text to 652729, calling 8-555-OK2SAY, or sending an email to OK2SAY@mi.gov. Tips are then shared with the appropriate agencies, who respond to keep everyone safe!



Kindergarten Registration Information - Please share!

The Public Schools of Petoskey is preparing to welcome the Northmen classes of 2037 and 2038! Little Northmen Preschool is currently accepting [applications](#) for children turning 4 by September 1st. [Kindergarten registration](#) is open for the 2024/25 school year to children turning 5 by September 1st.



ATHLETIC INFORMATION

***All athletic programs require a current physical prior to participation.**

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [middle school athletics website](#). Please watch the student announcements for sign-up information for the upcoming seasons. We encourage students to try new activities during middle school!

A Physical Clinic will take place on Monday, June 3 from 5-7 pm in the Petoskey High School Main Gym. Cost is \$10. Please note that an adult must accompany all Middle School aged students.

YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMP INFORMATION

***Girls Basketball**

June 10th - 13th

Grades 3-8

9:00-11:00

\$50

Contact Brooke Carlson at carlson.bm.t@northmen.org with questions. Flyers are available in the school office.

***Volleyball**

June 10th - 13th

Grades 3-8

12:00-2:00

\$50

Contact Megan Tompkins at tompkins.mr.t@northmen.org with questions. Flyers are available in the school office.

***Boys Basketball**

August 5th - 8th

Grades 3-5, 8:30-10:00

Grades 6-8, 10:30-12:30

\$75 before August 2nd; \$85 at the door

Contact Matt Tamm at mtamm60@gmail.com with questions. Flyers are available in the school office.

***Huffman Basketball Camp**

July 11th - 12th

Grades 3-6 boys and girls, 10:15-11:45



Grades 7-12 boys and girls, 12:15-2:15

\$75

Register online at www.hbelitetraining.com/camps

FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

Football (7th and 8th grade)

Middle School Football Practice begins Tuesday, August 20th at 3:45 PM behind Petoskey Middle School.

Equipment Pick Up will take place on Monday, August 12th in the Petoskey Middle School Cafeteria

8th Grade: 5-6 PM

7th Grade: 6-7 PM

For any further questions, please contact Coach Nick Ralph (nralph@petoskeysfx.org)

Volleyball Information

7th/8th Grade Fall 2024 Volleyball Tryouts:

- Volleyball tryouts are on Monday, August 26th, Tuesday, August 27th, and Wednesday, August 28th from 4:00-6:00pm at the middle school gym.
- Players should attend all three tryout dates to be considered for the team.
- All players must have a physical **ON FILE WITH THE PMS OFFICE BEFORE** tryouts start. Physical forms are available at the office.

7th Grade: Coach Luckhardt - efralick9@gmail.com

8th Grade: Coach Bell - bell.rj.t@northmen.org

PMS Summer Volleyball Opportunities:

- **Petoskey Volleyball Youth Camp:** Monday, June 10th - Thursday, June 13th, 2024 from 12:00 to 2:00pm at Petoskey High School (Incoming 3rd-8th grades) \$50 per participant.
 - Sign up information is available in the PMS office.
- **Julia Bishop Volleyball Camp** (with Current MSU volleyball player): June 22-23rd from 9-11am at Petoskey High School. \$100 per participant.
 - Sign up information is available in the PMS office.
- [North Central Michigan College Individual Skills Camp](#)
 - Middle School Skills Camp: June 19th-20th, 6th - 8th Grade

Cross Country:

Cross Country practice will start after school on the first day of school in the fall. Any 6th and 7th graders that want to run cross country next year should be prepared with their physicals before the start of the school year.

Sports Physicals

Only MHSAA sports physical forms will be accepted at middle/high school athletic departments. Forms are available on the MHSAA website, and our offices have cardstock forms available. The submitted form must be the original form with the doctor's signature. You can obtain these cards in your middle/high school office. Remember, sports physical for the 2023-24 school year must be completed no earlier than April 15, 2023.



If you have a well child visit scheduled after April 15, make sure to take a sports physical form with you and ask to have a sports physical completed.

DROP OFF / PICK UP PROCEDURES

The parent drop off and pick up procedure is an extremely important process that everyone must abide by. There has been an article in this newsletter for the past several months explaining the procedure, but it is important to review for the safety of all of our children. Parents should drop off and pick up students on the right side of the loop. The left side should be used for moving forward and is a no parking area. If you need to park for an extended time, please use the parking lot. It is also important to not obstruct Northmen Drive. Please see the picture below. The school parking lot is usually extremely busy and congested before and after school, and it will likely be an even greater challenge this year. To help maintain safety and traffic flow, we ask that you use the parent loop and parking lot accordingly. Also, remember that there is an alternate drop off location on the PHS side of Northmen Drive. Students dropped off there can walk to the Middle School through the tunnel.

No vehicles other than school buses are allowed in the bus loop. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

Also, please do not block Handicap parking spaces!



The District will not discriminate against any person based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), height, weight, marital status, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, military service, or any other legally protected class. The Board reaffirms its long-standing policy of compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

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